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SUBJECT: ODC SLOVENIA SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES REPORT,  
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[1](#)1. SUMMARY. Embassy received a diplomatic note on ACSA from Slovene MFA; LOAs for JFCC and ASOC were signed; English language coordinator departed; Bell 412 IFF installation is delayed; EUCOM and DSCA approved the FY06 IMET program at the TPMR.

[1](#)2. KEY ISSUES AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

[1](#)A. FMF

1) ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING (S3-D-TAC, \$650,194)  
The Coordinator of the Language School departed in May; a Slovene replacement has been hired but has not yet started work. In the interim, Kathy Lance is performing the duties of the coordinator. There are 36 Slovenian students in elementary English classes, 48 in intermediate classes, and 13 in an advanced class; courses continue until June.

2) HMMWV Spares. (S3-B-KZP, S3-B-KRA, S3-B-BAC, total \$192,810) Spare parts are arriving under this case. MAJ Fredericksen has been working hard to resolve issues with the invoices; most invoices have the wrong number of items listed. Despite some minor problems, the MOD is very happy that the spares are arriving so quickly.

3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FIELD TEAM (S3-B-OAB, \$153,522)  
ODC and members of the General Staff met with the Commander of the Vipava Training Center to discuss what further assistance the ODC can provide to the Training Center. The Commander is truly trying to make improvements in basic training.

4) BELL 412 VHF RADIO and IFF (S3-B-UAJ/UAK)  
Installation of the radios (UAJ) is proceeding, but has been delayed. The ODC is working with CECOM, the 15th Brigade (Air Force), and Raytheon to determine the installation schedule for the IFF; the earliest start date would be in the fall.

5) BLANKET TRAINING (S3-B-OAC)  
Four junior NCOs from the 10th Motorized Battalion (10th MOTB) are attending the Primary Leadership Course at the 7th Army NCO Academy. On 10 July, the 10th MOTB Commander MAJ Robert Glavas and the Battalion NCO SSgt Tomaz Mihelic will attend the graduation and meet with the Academy Deputy Commandant SGT MAJ Brooks Morrison.

6) The MOD recently signed LOAs for both the Joint Force Command Center (information system) and the Air Sovereignty Operations Center (ASOC). The combined value of these cases is over \$3.4M. ASOC has been funded with Slovene national funds but this amendment uses FMF funds.

[1](#)B. DCS/CONTRACTOR

GPS. The Slovenes signed GPS MOU IV this spring and believe they have now completed all actions necessary to obtain GPS for their Cougar helicopters. The ODC is working on determining what actions are still required.

[1](#)D. IMET

1) Three students were processed for various medical or veterinary courses in the US. All three students are from the Slovene Armed Forces Medical Service.

2) Training Manager attended the Training Program Management Review (TPMR) 1-6 May 05. The Manager was asked to be a guest speaker at the conference together with her colleague from Czech Republic, to discuss regional IMET issues of the new NATO members.

3) FY05 and FY06 IMET program for Slovenia was discussed and approved by EUCOM and DSCA. FY05 IMET ceiling is \$950K and it should be fully utilized for the training of 65 officers, non-commissioned officers (NCO) and Ministry of Defense civilians. Further, 20 officers and NCOs will be trained in a Mobile Education Team on recruiting, personnel selection and retention.

4) \$900K has been allotted for FY06 IMET. The MOD/Slovene Armed Forces requested training for

approximately 70 individuals with a focus on the units, which have to be ready for full spectrum NATO operations by 2007 and 209 respectively. These units are 10 and 20 Motorized Battalions, 18 NBC Battalion and Special Forces Detachments.

5) International Defense Acquisition Resource Management (IDARM) hosted a one week E-IMET regional MET from 23-27 May at the Civil Protection Training Center, attended by 18 participants from seven countries (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Latvia, Macedonia, Slovenia and Turkey). The participants learned about strategies and tactics of negotiations, planning and preparation for negotiations and other interpersonal skills that are critical toward successful negotiations in today's multicultural environment. The range of participating nations offered a rich opportunity for attendees to practice multicultural negotiations in the safe setting of the classroom. We hope to host another such event in FY07.

6) An ECL test was administered to two students, both are candidates for FY05 IMET courses.

#### 1E. COUNTERTERRORISM FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (CTFP).

1) Slovenia will receive \$75K in counterterrorism funds in FY06 and currently has four courses programmed. This is the first year Slovenia requested and received Counterterrorism Fellowship Program (CTFP) funds.

#### 1F. MARSHALL CENTER.

1) Mr. Saso Korenjak, Director, Security and Protection Bureau, General Police Directorate, is attending the course "Alumni Leadership Seminar: Future Directions in Alliance, Coalitions and Cooperation", on 7-10 June.

2) "Lessons Learned from Recent Terrorist Attacks", Ljubljana, 28 June - 01 July 2005. This event is co-sponsored by the Marshall Center and the US Mission to NATO and the Slovene Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The conference will bring together experts from Russia and NATO to compare lessons learned from recent Islamic-militant attacks, with emphasis on presentations from the US, Spain and Turkey. With this conference, the Graduate support office will host "Slovenia Security Cooperation Roundtable" on a topic of Transatlantic Cooperation and Security after 9/11.

#### 1G. MIL-TO-MIL/BILATERAL AFFAIRS

1) The 17th BVP Bn (Military Police Battalion) and the 220th MP Company will conduct the final planning conference for the Small Unit Event in Ljubljana from 7-9 June. The Small Unit Event will be held in Slovenia 29 Aug - 9 Sep.

2) A Video Teleconference was used to conduct planning for FY06 Mil-to-Mil events in Slovenia. This was a very productive and efficient way to conduct this planning.

3) SI-0772: NBC Operations will be conducted 13-16 June in Kranj, Slovenia. LTC Beard and SFC Wells will be conducting the exercise.

4) SI-0781: Marine Integration will be conducted 20 - 24 June in Parris Island and Camp Lejeune. BG Krkovic and MAJ Zakrajsek from the General Staff and FORSCOM training and plans will attend at the Slovenes own expense. They want to better understand how U.S. Marines are integrated into their unit's following the initial training.

5) SI-0776: Rotary Wing PKO will be conducted 27 Jun - 1 Jul in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The topics will cover logistics support for a strategically deployed aviation unit, the logistics trail, maintenance personnel, and parts needed.

6) SI-0774: Motorized Tactical Command Post does not have support from the original POC. The Slovenes were going to participate along with their state partners from Colorado in a CPX exercise in Germany. However,

the exercise has been limited to those countries that are members of the coalition and the Slovenes were not invited to participate.

7) SI-0761: NCO Instructor Dev Course will be conducted

in Colorado Springs, CO at the Colorado Regional Training Institute (CRTI).

**13. PERSONNEL/RESOURCES/LOGISTICS**

**1A. PERSONNEL:**

- 1) PERSPECTIVE GAINS: Lt Col Eugene Moty, new ODC Chief, arrives 23 Jun 05
- 2) PERSPECTIVE LOSSES: Lt Col Margaret Claytor, projected departure date is 16 Jul 05
- 3) ATTACHED PERSONNEL:
  - Kristin Pedroja, Test Developer, one-year contract
  - Kathy Lance, English Teacher, one-year contract
  - John Stephens, English Teacher, one-year contract
  - Helen Prevost, English Teacher, one-year contract
  - Samo Drnovsek, limited PSA contract, Mil-to-Mil
- 4) ODC CHIEF APPROVED TDY/LEAVE: None
- 5) RATING SCHEME CHANGES: None
- 6) EXTENSIONS/CURTAILMENTS: None

**1B. RESOURCES.** Vehicles and ADP equipment are 100% operational.

- 14. WAY AHEAD** (upcoming events next 60 days)
- 7-9 June: Small Unit Event Final Planning Conf
  - 9-10 Jun: Visit of new ODC Chief
  - 13-16 Jun: NBC Operations, SI-772
  - 27 Jun - 1 Jul: Rotary Wing PKO, SI-0776

**15. CHIEF/BAO COMMENTS:**

**1A. ACSA.** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent a diplomatic note to the Embassy providing corrections to the Slovene translation of ACSA. The letter and translation were forwarded to EUCOM and JS to determine how the US will proceed. The requested changes are minor and hopefully will be quickly accepted by the US. If so, the ODC will ask the Slovenes for an implementing letter, which is the last step to implement the agreement.

**1B.** Slovenia has agreed to provide 5,000 uniforms as Excess Defense Articles and Sierra Leone is interested in them. We are coordinating with Slovenia to acquire pictures of the uniforms for Sierra Leone.

**1C.** The multinational land force training exercise, Clever Ferret, was concluded on 25 May after three weeks of exercises, which was conducted between Slovenia, Hungary, and Italy.

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